

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) An apparatus for triggering a personal protection device comprising:
  - a surroundings sensor suite;
  - a contact sensor suite; and
  - at least one arrangement for influencing a pedestrian protection algorithm as a function of a first signal of the surroundings sensor suite, for influencing a pre-crash algorithm as a function of a second signal of the pedestrian protection algorithm that takes into account a third signal of the contact sensor suite, and for triggering the personal protection device as a function of a fourth signal of the pedestrian protection algorithm and a fifth signal of the pre-crash algorithm.
10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the first signal indicates an estimate of an impact time.
11. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the second signal indicates an impact time.
12. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the pre-crash algorithm determines an impact velocity as a function of the second signal.
13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the pedestrian protection algorithm adjusts a first noise threshold as a function of the first signal.
14. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the pre-crash algorithm adjusts a second noise threshold as a function of the second signal.

15. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the third signal is a contact signal.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the apparatus provides an impact velocity for the pre-crash algorithm and for the pedestrian protection algorithm.